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Kate Hansel CALFED Bay-Delta Program 1416 9th Street, #1155 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Hansel:

I am writing in support of the Sonoma County Water Agency's application for CALFED Bay-Delta funding.

I understand that the five proposed projects would create significant environmental benefits while improving the quality of life for Sonoma County residents.

These important restoration efforts are designed to provide critical improvements to water quality, protect and restore the ecosystem by helping sustain diverse and valuable plant and animal species, and facilitate wetlands restoration. More specifically, the Sonoma County Water Agency plans to upgrade wastewater treatment centers to meet tertiary-treatment levels, reduce discharges of treated wastewater to San Pablo Bay, provide recycled water to local agriculture, supply an alternative to freshwater use for wetland restoration, and off-set freshwater diversions in the San Antonio Creek Watershed.

CALFED funding is important to the advancement of these worthy projects. I urge you to give Sonoma County Water Agency's application your most serious consideration. have any questions, please contact Gia Daniller in my San Francisco office at 415-403-0113.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Boxer United States Senator

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